

## Death of Miss Lena Rich.

After an illness of more than a year and a half, Miss Lena Rich, daughter of Judge and Mrs. John A. Rich, passed away Friday morning at 2:15 o'clock. At her bedside were the loved ones, who had so tenderly nursed her during the weary months of invalidism, and who had given unstintingly of their strength that her young life might be prolonged and if possible restored to the health and bloom of her girlhood. But the God who gave this young life knoweth best, and in His arms her soul has taken refuge, where sorrow will be known no more. Miss Rich was beloved by all who knew her. Her faith in God was supreme, and her fortitude during the months of pain and suffering assurances to a great degree the grief of relatives and friends.

Miss Rich was born in Slater, Missouri, May 16, 1891, and was twenty-one years, nine months and five days old. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother and two sisters who are as follows: Homer Rich of Cartersville, Mo., and Misses Mary and Lula Rich of this city.

The body was taken to Slater Sunday morning, where the funeral was held at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Church South, of which she was a member.

## Death of John Thomas Walton.

John Thomas Walton died Friday evening at 8 o'clock at his home on North 17th street of paralysis. Mr. Walton was born in Hampshire, England, February 22, 1861, and would have been 52 years old today. When but two years old his parents came to this country, where he has constantly lived. He was twice married. He is survived by his father, Thomas Walton, his wife and the following children: Mrs. Eugene Brummerhoff, Mrs. Sallie Popejoy, Mrs. Bertha Jackson, Samuel Walton, Thomas Walton, Jr., Miss Elizabeth and Hunter Ben Walton.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the home, and was in charge of the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. and Mrs. Claud Johnson went to Kansas City Monday evening for a few days' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff R. Wilson went to Kansas City Tuesday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Evan Coffey left Tuesday morning for her home in Salina, Kansas, after a visit here with the family of her uncle, W. R. Van Anglen.

Rev. F. E. Gordon went to Kansas City Tuesday to spend the day on business.

## RECALL OF JUDGES IS CALLED "IDIOTCY"

Senator Reed Quotes Taft, Roosevelt and Bryan to Support Statement.

The recall of judges and decisions was characterized as "nonsense" and "idiotcy" by Senator James A. Reed at the annual banquet of the Kansas City School of Law Saturday night. The senator claimed no originality for the opinion. He said that he had it upon the authority of "William H. Taft, Theodore Roosevelt and William J. Bryan" and thought that these three authorities would satisfy the political prejudices of anyone present. The senator also declared that it is injurious to public interest for federal judges to hold office for life, and ventured the prediction that their terms of office would be limited to a definite number of years and that "within our lifetimes."

"Some changes in our judiciary system are needed," said Senator Reed, "but the reforms must be worked out calmly and dispassionately. We must not give up the good things we have. A man does not burn down his house in order to get rid of a dead rat. When the water pipes burst he goes for a plumber; he does not dynamite his dwelling. Too many unthinking advocates of changes in our judicial and legislative systems wish to use the torch and dynamite."

"The recall of decisions is an idiotic theory. While it is true that the authority of government is vested in the people and the people are intelligent, it is also true that the wisest judge who ever sat upon the woolsack cannot decide justly and righteously without having heard the evidence, having read the briefs and listened to the arguments and then in his library searched the law through long and painstaking hours. If we are to refer the decisions of these judges back to the people, we might get proper results if we could educate all the people in the law, and bring them all into one place to hear all the facts pertaining to the case. But no man can decide a case until he has before him the facts and the law. There is simply no sense in the proposition."

"Every decision written into the law or the constitution by the recall will add just that much to the chaos of which the advocates of the idiotic theory complain. In a little while there would be no constitution. It

would protect no man. And I can see one of these advocates of the recall witnessing the trial of his son by the mob, see his rights trampled under foot, his life or liberty in danger, and crying out, 'For God's sake give us back the constitution of the fathers that my son may be given a fair trial before twelve good men and true.'"

The senator said that the "natural recall of judges" as it now exists in the limited terms of the state judges better serves the purposes of the people than any other kind of recall. One of the complaints of the agitators, he points out, is that it is difficult to get a final decision. The use of the recall, he believed, would only make it harder to reach the final finding. The supreme court was the final protector of life and property.

"And," he said, "when you talk of substituting for the calm wisdom of the supreme court the mob in the court house yard, you are talking nonsense, gentlemen."

Life tenure for federal judges was described by the senator as "the last relic of monarchy."

"Most of our federal judges," he said, "have been wise judges and good men, but it would have been better for the public if there terms of office had been limited. And I believe that they will be limited within our lifetimes."

## Teachers' Examination, March 7 and 8.

The March Examination for teachers' certificates will be held in the high school building in Higginsville Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, 1913.

## ORDER OF SUBJECTS.

Friday 8:00 p. m.  
Geography.  
Language.  
Algebra.  
Orthography.  
Afternoon 1:30 p. m.  
Grammar.  
Arithmetic.  
Literature.  
Reading.  
Saturday 8:00 p. m.  
Civil Government.  
U. S. History.  
Agriculture.  
Adv. Science.  
Afternoon 1:30 p. m.  
Physiology.  
Pedagogy.  
Adv. History.

Teachers who wish Normal credit for the Reading Circle work may take the examination on any two of the three books.

This examination will be given on Saturday and will be the only opportunity to secure this credit.

H. T. PHILLIPS,  
County Supt. of Schools.

Miss Winifred Winn went to Kansas City Tuesday for a few days' visit.

Dr. J. J. Fulkerson went to Aulville Tuesday on professional business.

Mrs. S. P. Lauchner went to Wellington Monday evening to join her husband, who is located there.

Mrs. Mayme Stewart, who has been visiting in Independence, returned home Monday evening.

L. B. Shelby and Lon Kelly went to Kansas City Tuesday morning on business.

J. R. Moorehead, who has been in Moberly attending the annual convention of the Federation of Missouri Commercial Clubs, returned home Wednesday evening.

William Stonestreet of St. Louis arrived Wednesday night for a visit with homefolks.

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J. R. Moorehead went to Mexico, Mo., Monday evening to attend the Missouri Commercial Club meeting.

Saturday, February 22, 1913.

was Georgie's and Fannie's birthday. The members of the W. C. T. U. thinking it not quite right for Georgie to have all the parties and receptions, surprised Fannie (Mrs. T. J. Greene) with a handkerchief shower which she seemed to enjoy very much, for she laughed until she cried, and cried until she laughed. After the shower an hour was spent in conversation and music and daintily serving dainty refreshments.

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Mr. and Mrs. George Colburn of Freeman, Mo., announce the birth of a son, Monday, February 24, 1913. Mrs. Colburn will be remembered here as Miss Nannie Chinn.

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